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Subject: The Mother and Child Connection

Payment problems have been reported for claims submitted for CCS clients who are neonates and whose mothers are Medi-Cal beneficiaries at the time of delivery. County CCS programs are receiving referrals from hospitals on infants with a CCS eligible medical condition and are establishing CCS eligibility for them in CMS Net.

Infants born to mothers who are Medi-Cal beneficiaries will have Medi-Cal eligibility during the month of birth and for the month following. If at the time of referral, the infant has not yet been added to the mother's Medi-Cal case by the county Social Services Agency, the infant's CMS Net record is being set up as a CCS-only case.

Subsequent to establishing eligibility in CMS Net and at some point during the infant's first two months of life, the Social Services Agency will add the child to the mother's case and give the infant his/her own unique Medi-Cal identification number. If the caseworker does not accurately conduct a Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) file clearance, the caseworker is unaware that the infant already has a MEDS Client Index Number (CIN) that was assigned at the time the CCS case was opened and as a result assigns a second CIN.

This can result in the following for claims (whether for inpatient hospital care or for physician services) submitted for services provided to these neonates:

If the claim is submitted using the **mother's Medi-Cal number** pursuant to a CCS SAR issued with the infant's CIN assigned by CCS, the claim will deny;
If the claim is submitted using the **infant's CIN** (as assigned by CCS) pursuant to a CCS SAR issued with the infant's CIN (as assigned by CCS), the claim will pay from 100 percent CCS funds with no federal financial participation;

If a claim for physician services is submitted using the mother's Medi-Cal identification number with no CCS SAR, a physician provider will not receive the CCS physician rate adjustment for which he/she would be entitled.

In order to minimize this problem, when a CCS case is established for a neonate whose mother is a Medi-Cal beneficiary at the time of delivery, the CCS case manager should contact the county Social Services Agency caseworker and advise them of the CIN that CCS has established for the infant and request that the infant be added to the mother's Medi-Cal case, if appropriate. This process can help assure that claims are correctly paid from the appropriate fund source without regard to the CIN used on the claim and that providers are reimbursed at the correct rate.